



I-20 East Texas Corridor Study

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Frequently Asked Questions



1. What is the I-20 East Texas Corridor Study?

The I-20 East Texas Corridor Study being conducted by TxDOT is focused on evaluating the current safety and capacity needs along the 155-mile stretch of I-20 from I-635 in Dallas to the Texas/Louisiana state line.

2. Why is this study important?

The I-20 corridor currently serves as an integral east-west connection for both travel and trade in Texas. As the interstate system ages and trade increases, identifying opportunities for improvement becomes more critical. Assessing the current corridor conditions and identifying future growth potential are important to ensuring this route meets the needs of the region for decades to come.

3. Who is involved with the study?

A major component of this study is to work directly with public and private stakeholders through an Advisory Committee. The I-20 East Texas Corridor Advisory Committee was established in August 2013 by the Texas Transportation Commission to assist TxDOT in assessing the rural transportation needs along I-20 by providing locally focused input and recommendations. This group is currently comprised of 21 elected officials and other stakeholders along the I-20 corridor and includes representatives from:

- Counties (Dallas, Kaufman, Van Zandt, Smith, Gregg, Harrison)
- Cities (Balch Springs, Mesquite, Seagoville, Forney, Terrell, Canton, Lindale, Tyler, Longview, Marshall)
- Metropolitan Planning Organizations (NCTCOG, Tyler, Longview)
- North East Texas Regional Mobility Authority
- Dallas Area Rapid Transit

In addition to the members of the committee, the Advisory Committee will be working closely with several collaborating partners, including:

- Farm Bureau
- Native American Tribes
- Economic Development Organizations
- Private Businesses Interests
- Rural Planning Organizations
- Freight Rail and Passenger Rail Interest Groups
- Transit Interest Groups



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4. What will be reviewed as part of the study?

This study will focus on evaluating safety concerns and capacity needs along the corridor. This could include additional frontage roads, ramp/interchange redesign, improving vertical clearance, and passenger rail alternatives. The purpose of including representatives of all major areas within the corridor is to ensure that a complete view of the needs for the future of the I-20 corridor is considered.

5. How long will the study last?

The study is expected to be complete in December 2014.

6. What areas will be included in the study?

The area included within this study spans 155 miles along I-20 from I-635 in Dallas County to the Texas/Louisiana state line. In some areas, other regional highways or roadways may be included in the study when considering solutions to problems, but the primary focus of this study is along I-20.

7. What will be the end result of the study?

Ultimately, the result of the I-20 East Texas Corridor Study will serve as a guide for TxDOT to begin improvements throughout the corridor by providing a prioritized list of projects as well as possible funding solutions.

8. How can I participate in the study?

Throughout the 18-month study, we will be updating our website regularly, issuing press releases about important topics, sending out newsletters and creating a Facebook page for you to connect with us through social media. In addition, we will be hosting open houses to gather input on the draft plan. In addition to open houses, you can also submit comments on our website at www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/projects/studies/statewide/i20-east-corridor.html